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Letter dated 2 November 2009 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit the attached letter dated 15 October 2009 from Judge Dennis Byron, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (see annex).

In his letter, President Byron requests that the Security Council permit the International Tribunal to exceed the maximum number of ad litem judges allowed by article 11, paragraph 1, of the statute of the International Tribunal by extending, to 31 December 2010, the authorization granted in Security Council resolution 1855 (2008) adopted on 19 December 2008.

I should be grateful if you would bring the letter from President Byron to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 15 October 2009 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to the Secretary-General

In resolution 1855 (2008), the Security Council authorized the appointment of additional ad litem judges to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, notwithstanding that the total number of ad litem judges appointed to the Chambers will from time to time temporarily exceed the maximum number of nine provided for in article 11, paragraph 1, of the statute of the International Tribunal, to a maximum at 12 at any one time, returning to a maximum of nine by 31 December 2009.

Currently, 11 ad litem judges are serving at the Tribunal. All of them are serving on several ongoing cases which will not be completed before mid-to-end 2010.

Therefore, it is necessary that the Security Council extend the authorization granted in resolution 1855 (2008) for a maximum of ad litem judges exceeding the statutory maximum number of nine until 31 December 2010, in line with the extension of the mandate of all judges until that date.

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the Security Council for appropriate action.

(*Signed*) Dennis **Byron**
President